

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE
MERIT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ONCOLOGY-B**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at 4:15 p.m. on December 11, 2006. The meeting was held in the St. Gregory A Meeting Room at the St. Gregory Luxury Hotel and Suites, 2033 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Dr. Timothy L. Ratliff, presided over the meeting except for discussion of a proposal for which he was in conflict.

PARTICIPANTS

Rosalyn Adam, Ph.D., Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA
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Ian Summerhayes, Ph.D., Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Burlington, MA
Jie Wu, Ph.D., H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL

VACO STAFF PRESENT

LeRoy Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review and Acting Portfolio Manager, Merit Review
Subcommittee for Oncology-B, Research and Development
Ralph Paxton, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Research and Development
Harlande Lanspery, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Lisa Holmes, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

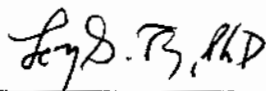
Dr. Frey welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their cooperation. He read a prepared text describing the procedures for the conduct of the meeting. Dr. Frey asked the Subcommittee to focus on the scientific merit of the proposals and to use the full range of priority scores. He also stressed the need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements addressing significance, approach, and feasibility, as they are the only basis for an appeal. He reminded the Subcommittee of VA policies regarding confidentiality and conflict of interest.

The dates of June 14-15, 2007, were established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 31 Merit Review Programs and 2 Merit Review Entry Programs.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information.

SUBMITTED:



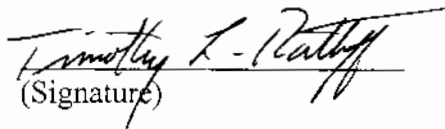
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LEROY G. FREY, PH.D.
Acting Portfolio Manager

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APPROVED:



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TIMOTHY L. RATLIFF, PH.D.
Chairperson

3-12-07

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